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California governor asks court to block Trump administration from using troops in immigration raids

By **JAKE OFFENHARTZ, CHRISTOPHER WEBER, LOLITA C. BALDOR and TARA COPP**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California Gov. Gavin Newsom asked a federal court Tuesday to block the Trump administration from using the National Guard and Marines to assist with immigration raids in Los Angeles, saying the practice would only heighten tensions. Newsom filed the emergency request after President Donald Trump ordered the deployment to LA of roughly 4,000 National Guard members and 700 Marines following protests driven by anger over the president's stepped-up enforcement of immigration laws.

The governor's request said it was in response to a change in orders for the Guard members, who were originally deployed to protect federal buildings. The court documents said sending troops on immigration raids would only escalate tensions and promote civil unrest. The Marines and another 2,000 National Guard troops were ordered to LA on Monday, adding to a military presence that local officials and Newsom do not want and that the police chief says makes it harder to handle the protests safely.

Marine Corps Gen. Eric Smith said Tuesday that the Marines deployed to the area had not yet been called to respond to the protests and were there only to protect federal officials and property. The Marines were trained for crowd control but have no arrest authority, Smith told a budget hearing on Capitol Hill.



U.S. National Guard stand protect buildings Tuesday, June 10, 2025, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

Paul Eck, deputy general counsel in the California Military Department, said the agency was informed that the Pentagon plans to direct the California National Guard to start providing support for immigration operations. That support would include holding secure perimeters around areas where raids are taking place and securing streets for immigration agents, he said in the governor's emergency request. According to U.S. officials, the California Guard members who were deployed were authorized to provide protection and secure streets and perimeters around areas where enforcement actions are taking place. The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss military operations, said the Guard members are not participating in any of the enforcement actions, but are providing security and have already been doing

some of those missions in the Los Angeles area.

Trump says he's open to using Insurrection Act. Trump left open the possibility of invoking the Insurrection Act, which authorizes the president to deploy military forces inside the U.S. to suppress rebellion or domestic violence or to enforce the law in certain situations. It's one of the most extreme emergency powers available to a U.S. president. "If there's an insurrection, I would certainly invoke it. We'll see," he said Tuesday from the Oval Office. "But I can tell you last night was terrible, and the night before that was terrible."

Trump has described Los Angeles in dire terms that Mayor Karen Bass and Newsom say are nowhere close to the truth. While protesters blocked a major freeway and set cars on fire over the weekend, the demonstrations in the city of 4 million people

have largely been centered in several blocks of downtown. On Monday, they were far less raucous, with thousands of people peacefully attending a rally at City Hall and hundreds more protesting outside a federal complex that includes a detention center where some immigrants are being held following workplace raids across the city. Los Angeles police said they made over 100 arrests Monday evening, mostly for failing to disperse the downtown area. One person was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and two police officers were injured, the department said. Obscene slogans directed at Trump and federal law enforcement remained scrawled across several buildings. At the Walt Disney Concert Hall, workers were busy washing away graffiti Tuesday morning. In nearby Santa Ana, armored Guard vehicles blocked a road leading to

federal immigration and government offices. Workers swept up plastic bottles and broken glass.

Sending in the military is the latest step in the administration's immigration crack-down as Trump pursues the mass deportations he promised last year during the presidential campaign. The protests have been driven by anger over enforcement that critics say is breaking apart migrant families.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth suggested Tuesday that the use of troops inside the U.S. will continue to expand.

"I think we're entering another phase, especially under President Trump with his focus on the homeland, where the National Guard and Reserves become a critical component of how we secure that homeland," he said on Capitol Hill.

Los Angeles officials say police don't need help.

The mayor and the governor say Trump is putting public safety at risk by adding military personnel even though police say they don't need the help.

Los Angeles Police Chief Jim McDonnell said he was confident in the police department's ability to handle large-scale demonstrations and that the Marines' arrival without coordinating with the police department would present a "significant logistical and operational challenge."

The protests began Friday after federal immigration authorities arrested more than 40 people across Los Angeles and continued over the weekend as crowds blocked a major freeway and set self-driving cars on fire. □

Trump's tax bill could raise taxes on foreign companies, hurting investment from abroad

By **JOSH BOAK**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump likes to say he's bringing in trillions of dollars in investments from foreign countries, but a provision in his tax cuts bill could cause international companies to avoid expanding into the United States.

The House-passed version of the legislation would allow the federal government to impose taxes on foreign-parented companies and investors from countries judged as charging "unfair foreign taxes" on U.S. companies.

Known as Section 899, the measure could cause companies to avoid investing in the the U.S. out of concern they could face steep taxes. The fate of the measure rests with the Senate setting off a debate about its prospects and impact.

A new analysis by the Global Business Alliance, a trade group representing international companies such as Toyota and Nestlé, estimates that the provision would cost the U.S. 360,000 jobs and \$55 billion annually over 10 years in lost gross domestic product. The analysis estimates that the tax could cut a third off the economic growth anticipated from the overall tax cuts by Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation.

"While proponents say this punitive tax hike is intended as a retaliatory measure against foreign governments, this report confirms that the real victims are American workers in states like North Carolina, South Carolina, Indiana, Tennessee and Texas," said Jonathan Samford, president and CEO of the Global Business Alliance.

Republican Rep. Jason Smith of Missouri, chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, has defended the provision as protecting U.S. interests by giving the president a tool that can be used against countries with tax codes that, in the federal govern-



President Donald Trump speaks during an "Invest in America" roundtable with business leaders at the White House, Monday, June 9, 2025, in Washington.

Associated Press

While some countries and companies have made announcements, there is not evidence of the investments pushing up spending on new factories as measured in the government's monthly report on construction spending.

The Republican president said his tendency to impose steep tariffs, then retreat to lower rates, had succeeded. "We have \$14 trillion now invested, committed to investing," Trump said then. "You know we have the hottest country anywhere in the world. I went to Saudi Arabia, the king told me, he said, you got the hottest we have the hottest country in the world right now." □

ment's opinion, put American companies at a disadvantage.

"If these countries withdraw these taxes and decide to behave, we will have achieved our goal," Smith said in a statement last week. "It's just common sense. I urge my colleagues in the Senate to move quickly to pass this bill and protect Americans from economic bad actors around the world."

House Republicans have been looking into the issue for a long time and the bill provides the flexibility so that a president doesn't have to levy taxes. There were concerns among GOP lawmakers during Joe Biden's presidency that an agreement among countries on corporate tax codes could cause foreign governments to charge U.S. companies more.

The tax gets at a fundamental tension within Trump's policy agenda: a contradiction in the broad strokes of Trump simultaneously trying to tax imports and foreign profits at higher rates while also seeking investments from companies headquartered abroad.

In late May, Trump defended his approach by saying that his tariffs were causing more countries to invest in the U.S. to avoid imports getting taxed.

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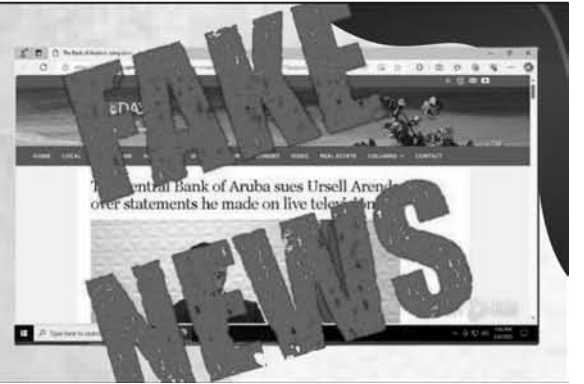
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Satanic Temple accuses Iowa officials of religious discrimination

By HANNAH FINGERHUT
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) —

The Satanic Temple Iowa on Tuesday filed a complaint accusing state officials of discriminating against the group because of its members' religion, having denied them access to the state Capitol building for a December holiday display and event. The group's holiday observances garnered national attention in 2023 after a Mississippi man destroyed their Iowa Statehouse display depicting the horned deity Baphomet, which was permitted in the rotunda along with a Christmas tree and other religious holiday installations.

The Satanic Temple Iowa's application for a display and event in December 2024 was denied, a decision that the organization says violated its members' constitutional rights and Iowa civil rights law.

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds said in a statement that state Capitol policies reflect the potential impact



A damaged Satanic display is shown at the Iowa state Capitol on Dec. 15, 2023, in Des Moines, Iowa.

on children and families, given that they routinely visit the public building and spaces around it.

"This satanic event, which specifically targeted children, would have been harmful to minors and so it was denied," Reynolds said. A message seeking comment was left with the

state's Department of Administrative Services, which oversees the use of public space in the Iowa Capitol, and whose director, Adam Steen, is named on the complaint.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa filed the complaint with Iowa's civil rights office Tuesday on behalf of

Mortimer Adramelech, minister of Satan for the Iowa Satanic Temple congregation. Rita Bettis Austen, ACLU Iowa's legal director, said the complaint with the civil rights office is the first step required before a legal claim of discrimination under Iowa civil rights law can be filed in court.

Associated Press

The state's ACLU chapter hopes the complaint will be enough for state officials to reverse course.

The ACLU of Iowa also filed a lawsuit in April after Reynolds' office withheld or redacted requested records related to the Satanic Temple's display and event, citing executive privilege.

Founded in 2013, the Salem, Massachusetts-based Satanic Temple says it doesn't believe in Satan but describes itself as a "non-theistic religious organization" that advocates for secularism. It is separate from the Church of Satan, which was founded in the 1960s. The complaint references a decision by Steen to deny the group's application because obscene materials and gratuitous violence are not permitted in the building that regularly hosts children of all ages. Steen told the group the costumes they proposed for the event included sticks that could be "used as weapons on children" and "positions the event to be harmful to minors." □

New York lawmakers approve bill that would allow medically assisted suicide for the terminally ill



The New York state Senate meets in the Senate Chamber on the opening day of the legislative session at the state Capitol in Albany, N.Y., on Jan. 8, 2020.

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Terminally ill New Yorkers would have the legal ability to end their own lives with pharmaceutical drugs under a bill passed Monday in the state Legislature.

The proposal, which now moves to the governor's office, would allow a person with an incurable illness to be prescribed life-ending drugs if he or she requests the medication and gets approval from two physicians.

A spokesperson for New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said she would review the legislation.

The New York Senate gave final approval to the bill Monday night after hours of debate during which supporters said it would let terminally ill people die on their own terms.

"It's not about hastening death, but end-

ing suffering," said state Sen. Brad Hoylman-Sigal, a Democrat who sponsored the proposal.

Opponents have argued the state should instead improve end-of-life medical care or have objected on religious grounds.

"We should not be in the business of state-authorized suicide," said state Sen. George Borrello, a Republican.

The state Assembly passed the measure in late April.

The proposal requires that a terminally ill person who is expected to die within six months make a written request for the drugs. Two witnesses would have to sign the request to ensure that the patient is not being coerced.

The request would then have to be approved by the person's attending physician as well as a consulting physician. □

UK and others sanction 2 far-right Israeli Cabinet ministers for 'inciting extremist violence'

By JULIA FRANKEL and JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Britain, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Norway said Tuesday they have imposed sanctions on two far-right Israeli government ministers for allegedly "inciting extremist violence" against Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. The decision by Western governments friendly to Israel was a sharp rebuke of Israel's settlement policies in the West Bank and of settler violence, which has spiked since Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, attack ignited the war in the Gaza Strip.

National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir and Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, key partners in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition, are champions of Israeli settlement who support continuing the war in Gaza, facilitating what they call the voluntary emigration of its Palestinian population and the rebuilding of Jewish settlements there. They could now face asset freezes and travel bans.

In a joint statement, the foreign ministers of the five countries said Ben-Gvir and Smotrich "have incited extremist violence and serious abuses of Palestinian human rights. Extremist rhetoric advocating the forced displacement of Palestinians and the creation of



An Israeli soldier points his weapon during a military raid in the West Bank city of Nablus, Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

Associated Press

new Israeli settlements is appalling and dangerous." U.K. Foreign Secretary David Lammy said the two men "have been inciting violence against Palestinian people for months and months" and "encouraging egregious abuses of human rights." "These measures are directed at individuals who directly contribute to extremist settler violence," said Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand. "The measures are not directed against the state of Israel itself."

Smotrich wrote on social

media that he learned of the sanctions while he was inaugurating a new West Bank settlement. "We are determined to continue building," he said.

Ben-Gvir, also writing on social media, said "we overcame Pharaoh, we'll overcome Starmer's Wall," referring to British Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

Israel's government condemned the announcement, which came as traditional allies of Israel escalate denunciations of Israel's actions in Gaza, from the high civilian death toll to a monthslong blockade

that led to famine warnings.

Israel's Foreign Minister Gideon Saar called the sanctions decision "outrageous." He said he had discussed it with Netanyahu and they would meet next week to discuss Israel's response.

He said that the move threatened to harden Hamas' stance in ongoing negotiations to end the war in Gaza and to cut short Israel's operation in Gaza before it achieves its goals. Benny Gantz, an centrist Israeli lawmaker and political rival to Netanyahu,

wrote he "vehemently" disagreed with Smotrich and Ben-Gvir, but said the move was "profound moral mistake and sends a dangerous message to terrorists around the world."

Netanyahu is the target of an arrest warrant issued by the International Criminal Court last year over alleged war crimes in Gaza, part of a global wave of outrage at Israel's conduct during its 20-month war against Hamas. Netanyahu has denied the allegations and accused the court of being biased against Israel. The Biden administration took the rare step of sanctioning radical Israeli settlers implicated in violence in the occupied West Bank sanctions that were lifted by President Donald Trump. Eitay Mack, an Israeli human rights lawyer who spent years campaigning for the sanctions on Smotrich and Ben-Gvir along with violent West Bank settlers described Tuesday's move as "historic."

"It means the wall of immunity that Israeli politicians had has been broken," he said. "It's unbelievable that it took so long for Western governments to sanction Israeli politicians, and the fact that it's being done while Trump is president is quite amazing."

Mack added: "It is a message to Netanyahu himself that he could be next." □

At least 7 people have died and schoolchildren were swept away as floods and snow hit South Africa



Snow covers the N2 road heading to Nolangeni, South Africa, Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

Associated Press

By GERALD IMRAY

Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — At least seven people have died in flooding in South Africa after a weather front bringing heavy rain and snow hit eastern and southern provinces, officials said Tuesday. A bus carrying high school students was swept away in the floods in the Eastern Cape province and an unknown number of children were missing, the provincial government said in a statement. Three children were rescued after they clung onto trees, according to the South African National Taxi Council, which said the bus was operated by one of its members.

Disaster response teams have been activated in the province on the south coast. Six people died in flooding in the Eastern Cape city of Mthatha, where houses and cars were left submerged. A seventh body was recovered near the town of Tsolo, around 40 kilometers (25 miles) northwest of Mthatha, the provincial government said.

It said a search was underway for the minibus carrying schoolchildren that was swept away on Tuesday morning. SANTA-CO, the taxi council, said it was unclear how many children there were on the 22-seater bus when it was swept away by floodwater at a bridge near Mthatha. □

A former student opens fire at an Austrian school, killing 10 and taking his own life

By **PHILIPP JENNE** and **GEIR MOULSON**

Associated Press

GRAZ, Austria (AP) — A former student opened fire at a school in Austria's second-biggest city on Tuesday, fatally wounding 10 people and injuring many others before taking his own life, authorities said. There was no immediate information on the motive of the 21-year-old man, who had no previous police record. He used two weapons, which he was believed to have owned legally, police said.

"Today is a dark day in the history of our country," Austrian Chancellor Christian Stocker told reporters in Graz, a city of about 300,000 people in south-eastern Austria. He called it "a national tragedy that shocks us deeply" and said there would be three days of national mourning, with the Austrian flag lowered to half-staff at official buildings. A national minute of silence is to be held on Wednesday morning in



Police officers attend the scene of a shooting at a school in Graz, Austria, Tuesday, June 10, 2025. **Associated Press**

memory of the victims. Special forces were among those sent to the BORG Dreierschützengasse high school, about a kilometer (over half a mile) from Graz's historic center, after calls at 10 a.m. reporting shots at the building. More

than 300 police officers were sent to the school, which was evacuated. Footage from the scene showed students filing out quickly past armed officers. Police said security was restored in 17 minutes. The assailant, who acted

alone, was a 21-year-old Austrian man who lived near Graz, police said. His name wasn't released. Regional police chief Gerald Ortner said two firearms a long gun and a handgun were used in the shooting and recovered from the

scene, and that the assailant was apparently legally in possession of them. The man took his own life in a bathroom.

Interior Minister Gerhard Karner said the gunman had been a student at the school and hadn't completed his studies. He didn't specify when the man left the school or at what age. Karner said Tuesday afternoon that six of the dead were female and three male, but didn't give further information. He said 12 people were wounded. The state hospital in Graz later said that a 10th victim, an adult woman, had died of her injuries, the Austria Press Agency reported.

Austria's Red Cross said it had deployed 65 ambulances to the scene and 158 emergency staffers were helping treat the injured. In addition, 40 specially trained psychologists were counseling students and parents. The Red Cross also called on locals to come forward and donate blood. □

Hong Kong police accuse a mobile game app of promoting armed revolution

By **KANIS LEUNG**

Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong police on Tuesday accused a mobile game application of advocating armed revolution and promoting secessionist agendas, saying that those who publish it or share it with oth-

ers online may risk violating national security laws. The announcement the first to publicly denounce a gaming app indicates that authorities are widening the crackdown that has followed anti-government protests in 2019. Authorities have crushed or silenced

many dissenting voices through prosecutions under the 2020 national security law imposed by Beijing and a similar, homegrown law enacted last year. In a statement, police warned residents against downloading the "Reversed Front: Bonfire" application, saying those with the app installed might be seen as possessing a publication with a seditious intention. They also warned people against providing financial assistance to the application developer, including making in-app purchases. "'Reversed Front: Bonfire' was released under the guise of a game with the aim of promoting secessionist agendas such as 'Taiwan independence' and 'Hong Kong independence,' advocating armed revolution and the

overthrow of the fundamental system of the People's Republic of China," police said.

The game application was developed by ESC Taiwan, which did not immediately respond to The Associated Press' request for comment. On the application's Facebook page, the developer posted about surging searches for the game name and a Hong Kong broadcaster's news report about Tuesday's development.

According to the application's introduction, players can assume the role of Hong Kong, Tibet, Uyghur, Taiwan or Cathaysian Rebel factions, among others, to overthrow the communist regime. They may also choose to lead the communists to defeat all enemies.

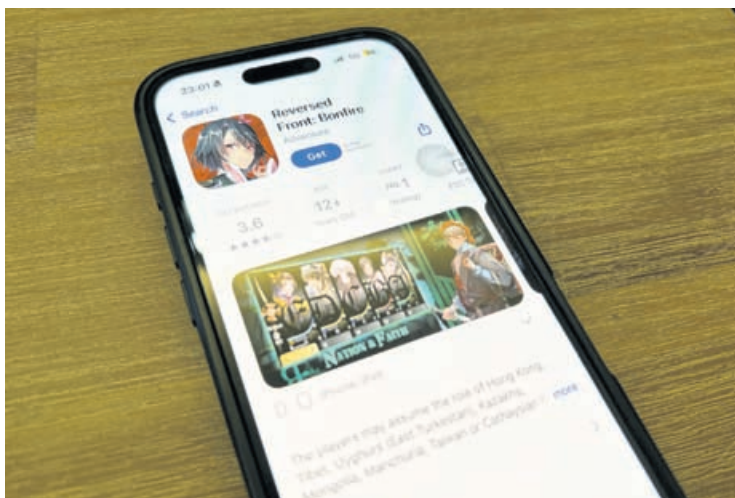
The game's website says

it "is a work of nonfiction. Any similarity to actual agencies, policies or ethnic groups of the PRC in this game is intentional."

On Tuesday night, the app was still available on Apple's App Store but not on the Google Play store. The game publisher last month said Google Play had taken the app down because it did not prohibit users from adopting hateful language in naming.

Apple, Google and Meta have not immediately commented.

After playing the game for about three months, Kuo Hao Fu in Taiwan said he found that its content uses a humorous approach to describe serious political issues. Fu disagreed with the police accusations, saying players can also choose to be part of the force representing China. □



A phone shows the an App Store page for the application "Reversed Front: Bonfire," in Hong Kong, Tuesday, June 10, 2025. **Associated Press**

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Fun facts about Aruban beaches!



(Oranjestad)—We've talked about the best beaches to visit on the island before, but have you ever wondered how Aruba got its white, sandy beaches, and why there's a clear difference between the northern and southern shores? Here are some fun facts about the development of Aruban beaches.

How did Aruba get its white, sandy beaches?

Aruba's beaches have developed over the span of thousands of years. Waves crashing on the rocky formations along our coast line (which consists mainly of coral reefs) have started to wear and tear over time,

resulting in its gradual breakdown. Fish that feed off corals also contribute to this, one small bite at a time. Over the course of thousands of years, as waves continue to crash and fish continue to eat off the corals, sand starts to accumulate around the area. However, whether the sand stays there is another question to be answered, and this is where we highlight the biggest difference between the northern and southern coast of the island.

The sand that accumulates around a torn coral reef is swept away along with the debris by the ocean stream. However, in areas where it's shallow and the stream is weaker, the sand tends to stick to the bottom faster. This is why the beaches in the south—the areas with weaker stream and shallower ocean floors—has sand that stretches for miles. In contrast, the northern area, where the stream is much stronger and the ocean floor is much deeper, there is no sand pres-



ent—they were swept away with the current!

Why north deep, but south shallow?

Ah! Good question...and interesting phrasing.

Aruba is a continental island. The island actually forms part of South America, and the space between

Aruba and the South American continent is simply referred to as land that runs under the ocean. This is why it gets gradually deeper in the south, whereas the ocean floor in the north runs steeply to the bottom.

Source: archival document provided by the National Archive of Aruba (ANA).

Papiamento words and phrases you may want to know!

(Oranjestad)—Aruba is a melting pot of different nationalities, cultures and languages. Primarily for this reason, the average Aruban can understand and speak Dutch, English and Spanish relatively well. However, as much as we pride ourselves in being able to communicate with almost everyone, we cherish our native tongue Papiamento above all else. Want to learn some common words in our language? Here are a few basic words and phrases that can get you a hat tip from an Aruban.

When you arrive at the airport in Aruba, one of the first words in Papiamento you may encounter is "Bon bini." Bon bini in Papiamento means welcome, and is probably the most famous Papiamento word for tourists.

Hi! Bye!

To be fair, there is no unique way to say "hello" in Papiamento. At least, not officially. We often just use the English "hello" or "hey", or Dutch "hallo" to greet someone. We do however, always follow it up with "con bay?" or "con ta?" Con bay is a shortened version of "con ta bay?", which essentially means "how are you?"

The word "con" in Papiamento means "how?" and is pronounced with a rounder "o" sounds, like in the English word "cone". "Ta bay" refers to how you are doing.

When we say goodbye, we use the word "ayó" (not like the Ayo Rock Formation, but also...kinda?). We may also use "te oro", which means "see you later".

Greetings during the day

Most, if not all, languages have different ways to greet according to the time of day, and Papiamento is no different. Since Papiamento is heavily influenced from Portuguese and Spanish, some of these phrases may look

very familiar.

1. Bon dia is used in the morning, up to about noon. Bon dia essentially means good morning. The word "bon" means "good", and while "dia" does not directly mean "morning" in English, it is used often to refer to the morning time.
2. Bon tardi. In the afternoon to early evening hours, we use "bon tardi" to greet people, which means "good afternoon". "Tardi" actually comes from the word "atardi", which directly translates to "afternoon". However, the shortened "tardi" is used to keep the rhythm on the phrase. And the same could be said for our last greeting of the day.
3. Bon nochi. You guessed it, "bon nochi" means "good night". Just like "tardi", "nochi" is actually the shortened version of the word "anochi".

Yes...no...maybe?

The affirmative and negative expression is very simple in Papiamento. Just like Spanish, our yeses are "si" and our no's are "no". Pretty easy right? If you want to gain some extra points from younger locals, you can also say "se", which is a more casual affirmative used mostly by the younger generation. However, do note: some older generations may find this improper and not respectful, so keep that in mind.

Thanks man...

Lastly, a word that we can also say more often is "danki", which means literally "thank you". "Danki" is derived from the Dutch word "bedankt". Though we don't really have a translation for "I appreciate it" in English, we do use "masha danki" to convey the message. "Masha" means "a lot" or "very", so "masha danki" means "thank you very much". □



National Park Arikok: Aruba's biggest nature conservation



The National Park Arikok comprises almost 18 % of the island. Its rugged terrain, desert-like hills filled with tall cacti, breathtaking coastline and protected local flora and fauna welcome you to be explored. There are numerous animals to discover, for example the sea turtle who lays his eggs on the park's beaches.

The national park Arikok takes you on a memorable journey of the islands past offering unique geological, cultural and historical sites. These can all be enjoyed and explored either on your own or during guided tours. A wide variety of educational and informative programs and fun activities is available.

Did you know that four of the in total seven species of sea turtle lay their eggs on Aruba's beaches? In the national park, a Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*) keeps a strict eye on a very special event taking place below

on the beach: a majestic Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) heads back to sea after laying her eggs, while another nest laid 2 months ago by the same female hatches—a very rare occurrence of daytime nesting and hatching. Sea turtles prefer nesting in the cool and dark hours of the night. And hatchlings usually wait for the cue of cooling surface sand before emerging.

Nature Conservation

The protected area of National Park Arikok was officially established in 2000. Arikok National Park is a 34 square kilometers (7907 acres) of natural area, located at the north-eastern part of Aruba which contains examples of most of the island's flora and fauna against a backdrop of great geological complexity. We are proud to state that approximately 18% of the total land area of Aruba is assigned as a National Park, to protect and preserve the flora, fauna, geology and his-

torical remains present within Arikok National Park.

The Landscape

There is a great geological variety within the park. The main aspects are the rough hills of the volcanic Aruba lava formation, the mysterious rocks of the batholithic quartz-diorite/tonalite, and the limestone rocks from fossilized coral. The two tallest hills on the island are situated within the park. Jamanota hill 188 meters (617 ft) and Arikok hill 176 meters (577 ft), from which the name of the park is derived.

The line of the permanently wind-and-wave beaten North Coast is broken by several bays (boca's). Most of them are small yet impressive inlets at the mouth of dry riverbeds. Some of these bays (boca's) are spectacular sights, adorned with white, sandy beaches and sand dunes, as is the case at Boca Prins and Dos Playa.

Arikok is also home to Conchi, Aruba's most important natural attraction; also known as The Natural Pool. The journey to the Pool is an adventure by itself and only possible by foot, horse, ATV or 4x4 vehicle.

Cultural and Historical components

There are a number of sites



within the park that attest to the history of Aruba. The Caquetío Indians left rock paintings in Cunucu Arikok and Fontein Cave. The bird drawing in the park logo is a copy of one of these historical artistic expressions.


Old plantation (Cunucus) sites tell the story of an active yet challenging agricultural past.

These Cunucus were also residential areas for the few families that worked the land. These families found ways to survive in the difficult conditions, and were able to erect their homes with materials found in the area. Two of these adobe houses have been restored. Park rangers are learning many of the old building techniques in order to preserve this unique Aruban mud-house. At Cunucu Arikok and near Plantation Prins you can find these adobe houses.

Park Management

For the management of the park, a dedicated foundation "Aruba Conservation Foundation (ACF), formerly known as Aruba National Park Foundation. This foundation was established in July 2003. In February 2017, mangrove and wetland RAMSAR site #198 Spanish

Lagoon was annexed to Arikok National Park due to its importance as a feeding and breeding area for water birds and as a nursery area for a variety of marine organisms. With this addition, the areas under FPNA management increased by 70 hectares while the amount of species of flora and fauna to be conserved to over 250. On December 21st, 2018 (AB 2018 no. 77) Parke Marino Aruba – currently consisting of four marine protected areas (MPAs) – was officially established and subsequently brought under management of ACF. In 2019 management plans will be established for the new MPAs which include: coral reefs, sea grass beds, mangrove systems, a large diversity of breeding seabirds. Parke Marino Aruba also contains potential shark nursery areas, endangered sea turtle nesting beaches and marine mammal nursery areas.

Visit the National Park Arikok to see the wonder of Aruba's nature. The visitor center in San Fuego and entrance in Vader Piet (San Nicolas) is open daily from 8:00 AM to 15:30 PM. Contact the ACF via e-mail, info@acf.aw or call +297 585 1234 for more information. 



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The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure of recognizing Goodwill Ambassador of Aruba. The honoree was respectively honored with a certificate for her years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island of Aruba.

The honorary certification is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Masha Danki" to guests who have visited Aruba 10, 20, or 35 years or more consecutively.

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Emerald Ambassador (35>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

The honoree was:

Goodwill Ambassador

Mrs. Rita Schaer from Exton, Pennsylvania, United States.

Ms. Keyttin Silva representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort bestowed the certificate upon the honoree, presented her with gifts, and thanked her for choosing Aruba as her favorite vacation destination, as her home away from home.

The top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by Mrs. Sieber was:

- Aruba's sun.
- Aruba's beach.
- Aruba's safety.
- Aruba's people.
- Aruba's food.

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honoree for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island". □

Best spots to view the sunset

(Oranjestad)—What can be more romantic than surprising your partner with a date watching the sunset. Aruba's sunset leave many speechless, and luckily, the best spots to view the sunset are entirely accessible and easy to find. Here are some of the best places to view the sunset on the island.

California Light House

Of course, being one of the highest point easily accessible to locals and tourists, the California Light House hill not only offers a tremendous view of the sunset, but also a breath taking scenery of most of the island. In the distance you can spot all the hotels, the western shoreline and the wild waves that crash on the northern side of the island.

Manchebo & Eagle Beach

Speaking of the western shoreline, the best spots for viewing the sunset on the beach has to be ei-

ther Manchebo Beach or at Eagle Beach, which stretch along the entire western coast of the island starting from behind Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort up to the Amsterdam Manor roundabout. The sunset on these beaches is truly breathtaking; the sky and ocean look so big and spacious, and paired with the orange/pink hue of the sunset, the white sandy beaches and the soft sounds of waves crashing—it can only be described as an experience!*

Arashi Beach

Another beach that has to be considered as another great spot to view the sunset. Arashi Beach is the last beach you will find along the western coast line, just before you drive up the hill to the California Light House. A favorite for surfers and body boarders, the Arashi sky stretches out for miles, lending a spectacular canvas for the sun to create a masterpiece of orange,



pink and purple hue.

Hooiberg Hill

These last two options are for more active couples. If you and your partner like to hike, the Hooiberg Hill may be a great place for you to get your daily workout in and enjoy a beautiful view of the sunset and the island as a little reward. Climb on top the 587-step stairs and reach the top to enjoy this incredible scenery.

Casibari Rock Formation

If you're a rock climber, you might enjoy watching the sunset on top of the Casibari Rock Formation. It's no Yosemite, but it does offer a fun little exercise to get to the top. But if you prefer not to get your hands a little dirty, you can always use the stairs in the back.

Editor's note: This spot may be my personal favorite, if you couldn't already tell... □



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The Caquetios, masters of ceramics

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Etnia Nativa's narrative emphasizes the importance of reclaiming and recognizing Aruba's cultural roots—often overshadowed by its colonial past. The platform promotes the rediscovery of native traditions, history, and identity, while encouraging a conscious break from colonial influence and inherited patterns of submissiveness.

If we study the history of humankind from early times, one thing becomes clear: our population has continually increased. While this growth has accelerated in recent centuries and decades, in prehistoric times the number of people was slowly rising. The solution humanity has consistently turned to in response to this growth is organization—particularly in the cultivation of plants through selection and cross-breeding.

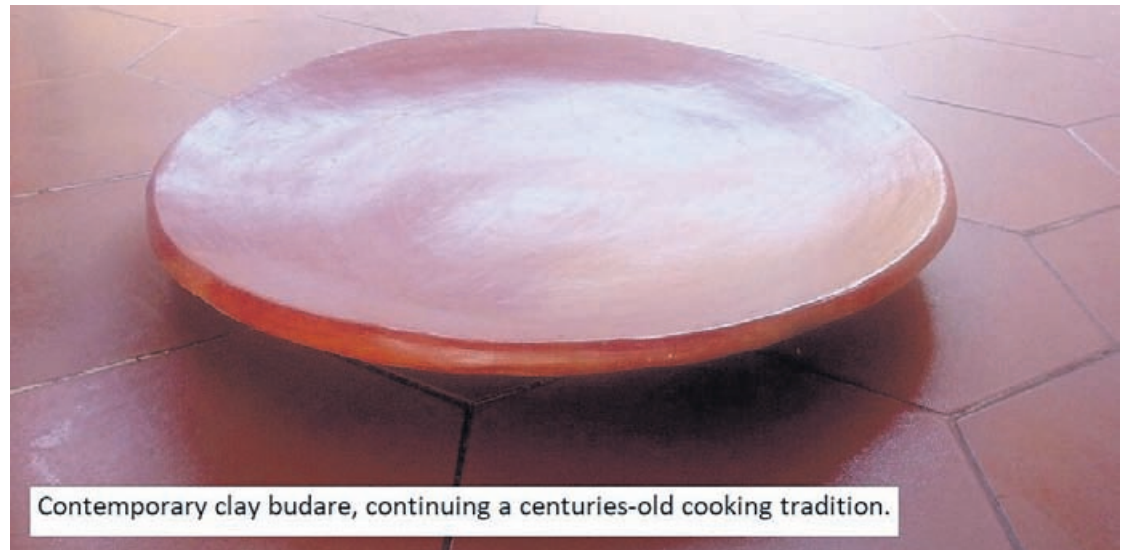
This agricultural organization improved the nutritional value of plants, leading to domestication. Once large quantities of these improved plants could be grown on relatively small plots of land, organized agriculture became possible. As a result, reliance on constant hunting diminished significantly.

The Amerindians made a substantial contribution to agriculture by domesticating numerous plants of high nutritional value. Among these are potatoes, maize (corn), cassava (manioc), peanuts, and various types of beans, tomatoes, cacao, and vanilla.

In our area, maize and cassava played a primary role. Cassava was domesticated early on in Central Amazonia. Early maize cultivation dates back to around 4000 BC or even more, in both Peru and Mexico. By around 2000 BC, Amerindian groups in eastern Venezuela were cultivating cassava, while in western Venezuela, maize was grown. Aruba, in turn, followed the agricultural trends and developments of western Venezuela.

As agriculture began to provide the main part of the diet, more permanent villages were established. These villages featured larger and more robust houses. And once agriculture takes hold, people begin to store liquids and process food more elaborately than in hunter-gatherer communities. This evolution marks the beginning of what archaeologists call the Ceramic Period—the time when pottery use became widespread.

These developments were already present in Venezuela long before they reached Aruba. But around 900 AD to 1000 AD, Amerindian groups possessing ceramic and agricultural knowledge migrated to Aruba



Contemporary clay budare, continuing a centuries-old cooking tradition.



and founded large villages. These villages were strategically located on fertile soils suitable for gardening, and close to natural water sources such as Aruba's guts or rooi.

We refer to these people as Ceramic Amerindians, named after the distinctive style of their pottery. This type of pottery was first discovered in excavations near Dabajuro, a town south west of Coro on the Venezuelan mainland. The pottery is well-crafted and aesthetically pleasing, as can be seen in the exhibits at Etnia Nativa and our local museum.

However, not all the pottery found at large village sites—such as Santa Cruz, Tanki Flip (inland), and Savaneta (near the coast)—was of ceremonial quality. Most of it, over 90%, was undecorated utility ware: vessels for storing liquids, cooking pots, and griddles. These griddles, or budare (also called buren), are large, flat, circular ceramic plates approximately 2 cm thick, used to prepare a kind of pancakes or tortillas made from cassava or maize.

The modern Aruban dish, pan bafí (Papiamentu for “beaten bread”), is

a direct descendant of this traditional cooking method. In fact, this method of preparing flatbreads on clay plates is widespread throughout the American continent. The term budare originates from the Arawakan-Caquetío language, and the word buren, which appears in Borikén (the indigenous name for Puerto Rico), refers to these cooking plates—symbolizing an abundance of food. In Mexico, the comal serves a similar purpose in the preparation of tortillas.

Today, these traditional clay griddles have largely been replaced by cast iron plates, known in Aruba as the casuela. Still, food cooked on clay budare retains that unique native flavor that modern versions cannot replicate.

Another traditional dish, funchi, made from ground maize, closely resembles Italian polenta or corn cake, showcasing the shared culinary heritage of various cultures centered on maize. □

If you enjoyed reading our ancestral stories and are interested in learning more about the true identity of the Aruban people, we invite you to visit Etnia Nativa—the only living museum of its kind in the Caribbean. A fascinating destination and cultural trendsetter since 1994, Etnia Nativa has contributed to the founding of Arikok National Park, the Archaeological Museum of Aruba, and various artisan foundations, among other voluntary initiatives.

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Aruban legends: Frenchman's Pass

(Oranjestad)—If you ever plan on taking a group tour of the island, you may pass through the Frenchman's Pass in Balashi. The Frenchman's pass (known to locals as "Franse Pas") remains a mysterious—and spooky—road of which its legend is told from generation to generation.

The history of the Frenchman's pass—and how it got its name—dates back to the colonization era, when the French tried to colonize the island, but were met with an angry mob of indigenous settlers, refusing to give up their land. However, as the French were heavily equipped with fire arms, the indigenous settlers began to retreat, and hid away in nearby caves. The French colonizers tried to smoke them out of the caves, but the indigenous settlers ended up inhaling too much smoke and most died in those caves. From then on, this passage was

known as Frenchman's Pass, and there have been many accounts of spirits roaming the area of Spanish Lagoon.

There are many ghost stories surrounding this area, but one of the most famous one involves a lonely hitchhiker, trying to find a ride back home in the dark rainy night.

Sometime after trying to hitchhike, the man saw a car approaching, appearing almost ghost-like in the rain. However, since he needed a ride real bad, he didn't think twice and jumped in. But to his horror, he noticed that there was no driver in the front. Paralyzed with fear, he didn't dare to get out, and the car started to move.

When approaching a sharp turn, the hitch hiker braced for impact, but just when he thought the car might drive straight off the road and crash, he saw a hand appear



out the window and turn the wheel. For the next few turns, the hand appeared again. After having had enough, the man decided to jump out and he ran to Santa Cruz.

Arriving at a nearby bar, he ordered a drink and began to tell everyone about his experience. Everyone grew quiet, because they realized

he wasn't some drunk messing around; he was telling the truth.

Sometime later, two men walked into the bar and one of them noticed the hitchhiker. He called out to his buddy and said: "Look, there's the idiot who sat in our car when we were pushing it!"

French man's pass is one of the few sites on the island that keeps the locals on their toes. While most ghost stories may not have real grounds—or some may even be a set up story for a joke, this pass contributes a lot to our culture of folkloric storytelling. □

Source: visitaruba.com

Lessons from our elders: Plants and fruits for medicinal use

(Oranjestad)— Though western medicine is now widely used for common illnesses and to keep our bodies healthy and happy, it is still very common in every household in Aruba (and around the world) to have staple home remedies that is passed on through generations. Here are some tips that our elders have passed on to us over the years.

Sweet potato

According to our elders, sweet potato is mostly useful for low blood pressure. People who suf-



fer from low blood pressure were advised to eat sweet potato 2 to 3 times a week. However, if you have high blood pressure, it is best not to eat too much sweet potato, as this raises blood pressure. Sweet potatoes are also great for people who work hard labor jobs, and it's been said to be aid blood circulation in the body, as well as help those with hemorrhoids or diarrhea.

Many of our elders opted to plant sweet potatoes themselves, mostly because of how easy it was to do so. Cut the end of a sweet potato let it sit in shallow water until it starts to sprout. Then you may plant it in the ground. Sweet potatoes need plenty of water to grow, especially in the first week in the ground. It was said that once you start to notice the ground crack underneath the flowers, it is time to harvest. This should happen around month 3.

Pomegranate

Pomegranates are also one of the easier fruits to plant and harvest. Originated from Persia, this plant can grow almost everywhere. In



Aruba, there are many homes that have a tiny or big pomegranate tree. You may be wondering what the difference is between a small and big pomegranate tree, for which the answer is based on harvest time. Tiny trees produce tinier pomegranates that can be harvested early on. Contrarily, big trees produce bigger pomegranates, but they need enough time to fully ripen before harvesting, otherwise you might end up with bitter seeds. Pomegranate trees are also very easy to plant. In essence, if you just throw the seeds on the ground, they could grow into a tree.

In terms of medicinal use, pomegranate skins are said to have a few benefits for our health. According to customs, pomegranate skin tea can help those that suffer from diarrhea. Dried pomegranate skin tea is also good for people who have worms. Pomegranate flowers can be boiled to make a drink and this can be used for irritated gums; just take a swig and let the tea sit in your mouth for a couple minutes. □

Source: *Remedi i Kustumber di nos Bieunan (Medicine and Customs of our Elderly)* by Dinah Veeris

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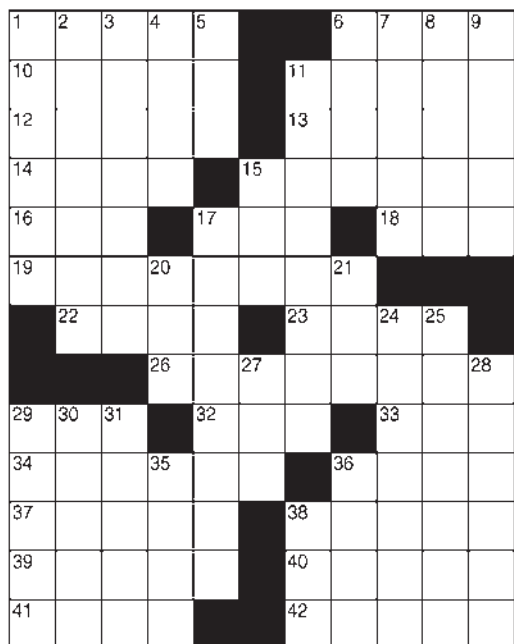
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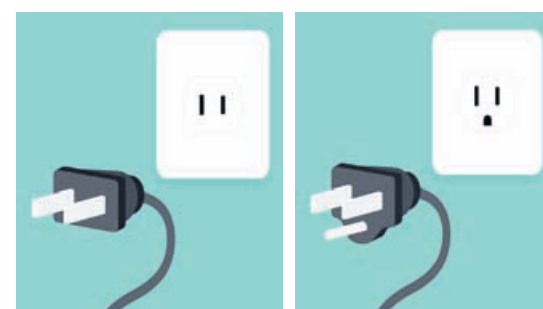
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Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic but important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

Electrical power

Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of outlets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.



Drinking water

The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.



Supermarket hours

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.



Safety

Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occur, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.



FACT FOCUS: A Craigslist ad is not proof of paid protesters in LA. It was posted as a prank

By **MELISSA GOLDIN**
Associated Press

As demonstrations in Los Angeles over immigration raids unfolded in recent days, social media users falsely cited a Craigslist ad as evidence that protesters had been paid to participate.

"We are forming a select team of THE TOUGHEST dudes in the area," the ad, which is no longer live, read. "This unit will be activated only when the situation demands it BUT YOU GET PAID EVERY WEEK NO MATTER WHAT. high-pressure, high-risk, no room for hesitation. We need individuals who do not break, panic, or fold under stress and are basically kickass dudes." It offered \$6,500-\$12,500 in compensation per week.

But the ad was a prank, it is not related to the Los Angeles protests.

Here's a closer look at the facts.

CLAIM: A Craigslist ad seeking "the toughest badasses in the city" is proof that Los Angeles demonstrations over immigration raids are made up of paid protesters.

THE FACTS: This is false. The ad, which appeared in Craigslist's Los Angeles section for general labor jobs,

was bait for a prank show and had nothing to do with the protests in Los Angeles, the ad's creator told The Associated Press. □

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With reporters shot and roughed up, advocates question whether those covering protests are targets

By **DAVID BAUDER**
AP Media Writer

More than two dozen journalists have been injured or roughed up while covering protests against immigration raids in Los Angeles, leading press freedom groups to question whether law enforcement has been deliberately targeting reporters on the story. Journalists have been pelted with rubber bullets or pepper spray, including an Australian TV reporter struck while doing a live shot and a New York Post reporter left with a giant welt on his forehead after taking a direct hit. A CNN crew was briefly detained then released on Monday night. The advocacy group Reporters Without Borders said there have been at least 27 attacks on journalists 24 from law enforcement since the demonstrations started. The Committee to Protect Journalists, the First Amendment Coalition and Freedom of the Press Foundation were among the groups to express concern to Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem. In a letter, they said "federal officers appear to have deliberately targeted journalists who were doing nothing more than their job covering the news." Noem hasn't replied, Da-



A person displaying multiple flags walks past a burning car during protests over the Trump administration's immigration raids in Los Angeles, Monday, June 9, 2025.

Associated Press

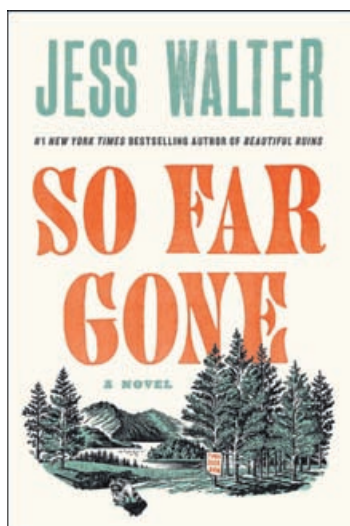
vid Loy, legal director of the First Amendment Coalition, said Tuesday. A Noem spokesperson didn't have an immediate comment for The Associated Press. Experts say the apparent hostility toward journalists, or a disregard for their role and safety, became particularly apparent during demonstrations following the death of George Floyd in 2020. A troubling indication of a decline in press freedom is the rapid escalation of threats journalists face in the United States,

said Bruce Shapiro, executive director of the Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma at Columbia University. While most journalists covering wars receive training and safety equipment, it is apparent that many particularly freelancers don't have similar protection when assigned to events like the Los Angeles demonstrations, he said. "It's not like covering a war zone," Shapiro said. "But there are some very specific skills and strategies that people need to employ.

The First Amendment is only as strong as the safety of the journalists covering these events." On Sunday, Australian journalist Lauren Tomasi was shot in the leg by a rubber bullet while reporting live, with a microphone in her hand, from protests in downtown Los Angeles. Widely circulated video shows her crying out in pain and clutching her lower leg as she and her camera operator quickly move away from a police line. She told 9News later that she was

safe and unharmed. New York Post photographer Toby Canham was over-looking the 101 freeway when he was hit. He spent Monday in the hospital with whiplash and neck pain, and left with a red mark on his forehead. Shortly before he was shot, he said he saw someone throwing a water bottle with liquid at authorities. "I completely understand being in the position where you could get injured," Canham said. "But at the same time, there was no justification for even aiming the rifle at me and pulling the trigger, so I'm a bit pissed off about that, to be honest." Ben Camacho, a reporter at the local news website The Southlander, reported being shot twice. "Unsure of what hit me both times but they hit like a sledgehammer and without immediate warning," he wrote online. "Elbow is wrapped with gauze and knee is weak." Photojournalist Nick Stern was standing near some people waving a Mexican flag when he was shot in the thigh. He later had emergency surgery. "I thought it was a live round because of the sheer intensity of the pain," he told the AP. "Then I passed out from the pain."□

Book Review: Jess Walter's 'So Far Gone' sets a redemption story in fractured, modern America



This book cover image released by Harper shows "So Far Gone" by Jess Walter. Associated Press

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When the history of the United States in 2025 is written, perhaps one of the best things that will be said is: "Well, it made for some great art." Consider "So Far Gone," the new novel by Jess Walter. Set in present day America, it opens with two kids wearing backpacks knocking on a cabin door. "What are you fine young capitalists selling?" asks Rhys Kinnick, before realizing the kids are his grandchildren. They carry with them a note from Kinnick's daughter, describing dad as a "recluse who cut off contact with our family and now lives in squalor in a cabin north of Spokane." It's a great hook that draws you in and doesn't really let up for the next 256 pages. We learn why Kinnick pulled a Thoreau and went to the woods seven years ago (Hint: It has a lot to do with the intolerance exhibited by no small percentage of Americans and embodied by a certain occupant of the White House), as well as the whereabouts of Kinnick's daughter,

Bethany, and why her messy marriage to a guy named Shane led to Kinnick's grandchildren being dropped off at his cabin. In a neat narrative gimmick, the chapters are entitled "What Happened to" and fill in the main strokes of each character's backstory, as well as what happens to them in the present timeline. Told with an omniscient third-person sense of humor, the book's themes are nonetheless serious. On the demise of journalism in the chapter "What Happened to Lucy," one of Kinnick's old flames and colleagues at the Spokesman-Review: She "hated that reporters were expected to constantly post on social media... before knowing what their stories even meant." Or Kinnick's thoughts as he holds a .22 Glock given to him just in case by a retired police officer who is helping him get his grandkids back from the local militia: "The shiver that went through his arm! The power!... The weight of this gun was the exact weight of his anger and his fear and his sense of displacement... That's where its incredible balance lay."□

Oilers' penalty woes and composure issues lead to blowout loss and put them in precarious spot

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)

— Falling behind early, parading to the penalty box and losing their composure, the Edmonton Oilers find themselves in an all-too-familiar position trailing the Florida Panthers in the Stanley Cup Final.

Not much went right for them in Game 3 on Monday night, a 6-1 blowout loss that put them down 2-1 in the series after taking the opener at home. By Tuesday, they were back on the ice for practice, eager to put their worst performance since early in the playoffs behind them.

"We obviously didn't feel great waking up, but getting together again, get on the ice, we all feel a lot better," veteran defenseman Mattias Ekholm said. "Most guys wanted to go out and skate and have a good flush of the legs and that's just what we did."

Many of their 85 penalty minutes, the most by a team in the final in nearly four decades, came in garbage time, but there is far more concern about the mistakes that piled up early. "We didn't play very well," said Evander Kane,



NHL referees separate Florida Panthers center Anton Lundell (15) and Edmonton Oilers center Leon Draisaitl (29) during the first period of Game 3 of the NHL Stanley Cup final Monday, June 9, 2025, in Sunrise, Fla.

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who was whistled for two of his three minor penalties in a miserable first period and got a misconduct late. "That's evident. We have nobody to blame but ourselves. We can definitely be a lot better." Stuart Skinner got pulled after allowing five goals on 23 shots, but captain Connor McDavid acknowledged, "I don't know how much

we're going to put on Stu." The play in front of him was disjointed and disconnected at 5 on 5, on the power play and on the penalty kill. Coach Kris Knoblauch after practice also defended Skinner's play but said no decision has been made on who will start in Game 4 on Thursday night. Journeyman backup Calvin Pickard went 6-0 in the first

and second rounds after replacing Skinner as the starter before getting injured and ceding the net. "I'm not holding anything against Stu on that performance," Knoblauch said. Skinner was not even close to the biggest problem. "Obviously it wasn't our best not our best at all," McDavid said. "I don't think our best has shown up all

series long. But it's coming. We'll shift the focus to finding a way to get a win in Game 4."

Being more disciplined is a good place to start.

After giving up a goal to Brad Marchand 56 seconds into the game, Edmonton took four minor penalties in the first period. The dam eventually broke on a power-play goal from Carter Verhaeghe with less than 3 minutes left in the first period that proved to be the game-winner.

"We've got to control our penalties in the first," Ekholm said. "We can't take four. It's just too much. You're having their best players on the ice way more than we have our top guys on there because we're obviously killing too much."

The Oilers' play was almost indistinguishable from how they've looked for much of this run, getting balanced scoring and star performances from McDavid and Leon Draisaitl. Ill-timed defensive breakdowns proved costly, and guys lost their cool like Jake Walman squirting water at Panthers players on their bench from his place on the visiting side. □

NCAA says online abuse related to sports betting declined during this year's March Madness

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)

— Online abuse related to sports betting decreased during the NCAA's March Madness basketball tournaments compared with the prior year, but people involved in the competition still received more than 3,000 threatening messages, the NCAA said Tuesday.

The NCAA hired Signify Group to monitor messages directed at athletes, coaches, game officials, selection committee members and others with official roles in the tournament. Signify used both artificial intelligence and human analysts to confirm the threats and, when

necessary, report them to law enforcement.

Overall, abuse related to sports betting was down

23%, the NCAA said in a news release.

The men's March Madness bracket was notable



In this photo taken with a slow shutter speed, Wichita State's Ron Baker runs during practice for the NCAA college basketball tournament, March 20, 2014, in St. Louis.

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this year for the scarcity of upsets, with all four No. 1 seeds advancing to the Final Four and Florida, a popular pick to win it all, claiming the national title. On the women's side, three top seeds made the national semifinals and No. 2 seed UConn, among the pre-tournament favorites, won the championship. The NCAA's analysis found that overall, abusive statements directed at people involved in the men's tournament increased by 140% much of it directed at the selection committee and coaches while abuse related to sports betting was down 36%. Abuse was down 83% on

the women's side and betting-related abuse declined 66%.

One women's player who was targeted online was Chandler Prater of Mississippi State, who was guarding Southern California star JuJu Watkins when she suffered a season-ending knee injury.

"I received all kinds of messages, so many of them hateful and abusive," Prater said in a statement. "It was unlike anything I'd ever experienced before." Signify's AI flagged more than 54,000 posts, and its human analysts confirmed that 3,161 messages were abusive or threatening, the NCAA said. □

Heading into U.S. Open, McIlroy still looking for motivation after historic Masters win

By EDDIE PELLIS

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OAKMONT, Pa. (AP) — Ever since Rory McIlroy checked the biggest box off his impressive golf to-do list, all he wanted was to enjoy it. Very quickly, he has discovered how harsh this game can be with his foot off the gas.

Heading into the U.S. Open this week, McIlroy has been disabused of any notion that life once he completed the career Grand Slam with that win at the Masters in April would be smooth sailing.

"I think it's trying to have a little bit of amnesia and forget about what happened," McIlroy said Tuesday when asked about the difficulties he has faced



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, is seen during a practice round ahead of the U.S. Open golf tournament at Oakmont Country Club Tuesday, June 10, 2025, in Oakmont, Pa.

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driver that week but went on to win the tournament. That the normally closely held news of McIlroy's illegal driver leaked to the media and Scheffler's did not annoy McIlroy, and he said last week that was why he didn't speak to the media after all four rounds at Quail Hollow.

That issue appears to be behind him. The driver? He says he's figured it out "I mean, come out and watch me hit balls, and you'll see," he said which means the answer must have come during his weekend off after rounds of 71-78 at the Canadian Open last week left him far short of making the cut.

The 78 matched the second-worst score he's ever shot in a PGA Tour event.

The next test starts Thursday at a brutal, brutish Oakmont course that McIlroy said might be playing easier than the last time he was here. No, he wasn't talking about 2016, when he missed the first of three straight U.S. Open cuts, but rather, last Monday, when he needed to go birdie-birdie down the finish to shoot 81 in a practice round.

"It didn't feel like I played that bad," McIlroy said. "It's much more benign right now than it was that Monday. They had the pins in dicey locations, and greens were running at 15 1/2 (compared to an estimated 14 1/2 for the tournament). It was nearly impossible. But yeah, this morning, it was a little softer."

Speaking of soft courses, McIlroy said he bristled at the reputation that began developing after his first major title, in 2011, when he demolished a rain-dampened Congressional with a U.S. Open-record score of 268 that still stands.

His other majors at Valhalla, Kiawah and Royal Liverpool were also on soft courses.

All that, plus his inability to capture the Masters, led critics to label him a player who couldn't conquer firm and fast. □

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